Celebration of Life

for

Sondra C. Talley



Alpha *December 10, 1947*

Omega *September 16, 2019*

II Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if our earthly house
of this tabernacle were dissolved,
we have a building of God,
an house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.

Celebration held

Saturday, October 5, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Tabernacle of David
Missionary Baptist Church
1100 Lincoln Road East
Vallejo, California

Pastor Dennis Johnson, Eulogy
Pastor Marco McCleod, Officiating

Sondra's Story



I was born on December 10, 1947, in Berkeley, California to the union of Claude Sr. and Nadine Brown. I was the youngest of four children. I attended elementary school and one semester of junior high school in Berkeley. I completed my education in Vallejo, graduating from Vallejo Senior High in 1966.

I accepted the Lord Jesus, as my personal savior, at a young age and was baptized at Star Bethel Baptist Church on Seventh Street in Oakland, California, by the late Rev. George Henderson. I was a member of the junior usher board, and I sang in the junior and youth choirs. After moving to Vallejo, I united with Macedonia Baptist Church pastored by the late Reverend Richard L. Armstrong. I sang in the church choir. I also sang in the group, The Gospel Revelators and Local 12. Several years later, I united with Second Baptist Church where I sang in the Mission Chorus and the Inspirational Choir. I attended Rehoboth Church of God in Christ for several years until I united with the Corinthian Church of God in Christ. Here I found several areas of ministry to be a part of. I sang in the Pastoral Choir and the Voices of Corinthian. I served as a member and instructor of the usher board. I loved the years that I was appointed as supervisor of the Purity Band. It was also an honor that Pastor Turner felt lead to appoint me to the Trustee Board. I loved organizing activities for the church such as; snow trips, softball games, and activities for Easter. I took much pride in preparing Easter bags for the entire church.

I started my employment with the Vallejo City Unified School District in the Careers Department at Vallejo High. I then saw an opportunity to advance, so I started working in the financial aids office at Solano Community College. After years there, I desired a career change, so I applied for a position as a correctional officer at the Vacaville Medical Facility. I completed the academy and worked one year in corrections. Due to the young age of my children and the hours that I was required to work, I returned to the Vallejo City Unified School District where I remained until my retirement in August 2004.

I loved sports of all types, and I enjoyed working with young people in these areas. I worked with the Hogan High Varsity Softball team for several years. I was one of the assistant coaches for the Hogan High Varsity Girls' Basketball team. I was the official basketball scorekeeper for many years starting with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Tournaments and including Greater Vallejo Recreation District city leagues, Vallejo High Boys J. V. and Varsity and the Hogan boys and girls teams. I had a special love for softball. I was very proud to have been a member of Sam's All Stars women softball team where I started my career as a fastball pitcher. I played on a couple other city league teams and in my much later years, I changed my position to catcher. I played as catcher for Michael Transportation, Trinity Wear and the Black Sox.

I departed this life on Monday, September 16, 2019. I was preceded in death by my parents, Claude Sr., and Nadine Brown; grandmother, Floy Davison; brother, Claude Jr.; beloved son, Bobby Black; and great nephew, Sir Kendrick. I leave to cherish my memories two daughters, Cheryl Black and Karen Black-Lesky; two sons, Kavin Black and Tyrone Tyler; son-in-law, Vince Lesky; daughters-in-law, Kim Black and Matilda Tyler; brother, Sam Brown; sister, Claudine Cox; two nieces, Sheree Jackson and Samantha Brown; four nephews, Stevie, Jabbar, Marlon, and Claude Brown III, who is also one of my Godchildren. I also leave my love to ten granddaughters, Kelcee Black, Tyra Tyler, Triniece and Destinee Lesky, Kortney and Kylie Black, Kennedy and Anayiah Brown, Caasi Tyler and Zaniya Passini; three grandsons, Kyle Black, Brey'Len Tyler and Tajzir Passini; and a great granddaughter, T'yana Tyler. I leave behind two other Godchildren, Larry Ball and Anjanette Berry; and a very special daughter, Janice Renee Brown.

Sondra's Story

As much as I love you all, it was time for me to take my place with the Creator of Heaven and Earth. Even though my mind remained in a youthful state, my body had begun to wear. The pains were increasing even though I tried not to complain. I refused to give up and just sit and do nothing. God realized that my body was getting weary, so he decided it was time for me to get my eternal rest.

I want all of you that I leave behind to LOVE GOD, LIVE SAVED, AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

To my children, grandchildren and great grandchild, remember that I loved you while I was on earth with you, and I continue to love you. Stay close as a family and take care of each other. Remember to acknowledge God in all your decisions, and he will continue to direct you. I look forward to being united with you again when we all shall walk the streets of heaven, and enjoy the beautiful mansion that God has prepared for us.



Did you know?

As a teenager
I was one of the
first women in the Bay Area
to be licensed to Preach.

Celebration of Life Services

for

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Celebration Facilitator
Pastor Marco McCleod

Musical Prelude ..... *Evangelist Teresa A. Turner*

THE PROCESSIONAL
Clergy and Family

Prayer for Strength and Comfort ..... *Elder Darren Webb*

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament ..... *Lowanna Bishop*
New Testament ..... *Sandra Babb*

The Lords Prayer ..... *The Turner Sisters*

FAMILY EXPRESSIONS

Musical Selection ..... *Tiffany Sutherland*

REFLECTIONS FROM FORMER STUDENTS
(2 Minutes Please)

Acknowledgment of Cards/Condolences ..... *Kim Black*

Slide Show ..... *Cheryl Black*

The Reading of the Obituary ..... *Elaine Bartley*

EXPRESSIONS FROM SAINTS AND FRIENDS
(2 Minutes Please)

Sermonic Selection ..... *Dorris Hutcherson*

The Eulogy ..... *Elder Dennis Johnson*
Pastor, Eltekon Ministries Church of God In Christ

Final Glimpse Till Glory ..... *Alta Vista Cremation & Funeral Service*

Recessional to Thine Earthly Bed by Horse Driven Carriage from the Corinthian C.O.G.I.C. to Skyview Memorial Lawn





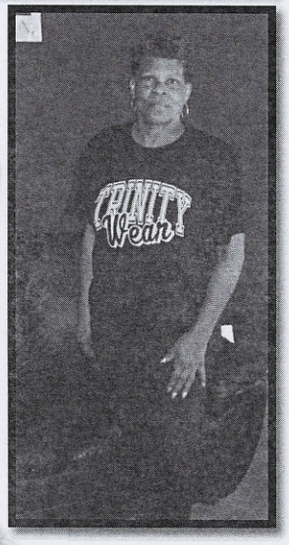
Repast immediately following at the
Corinthian Church of God In Christ
1101 Benicia Road, Vallejo, CA

Precious Memories

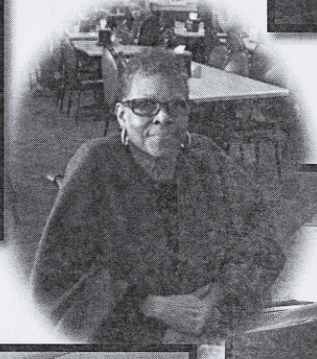












Family & Friends





























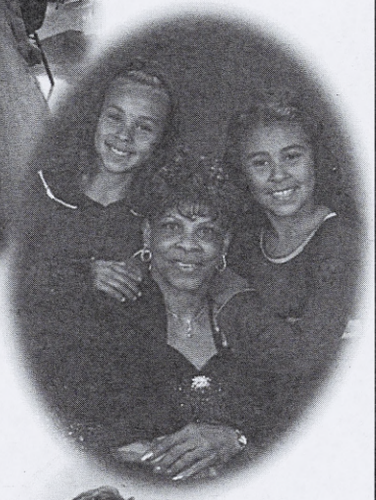




Granny

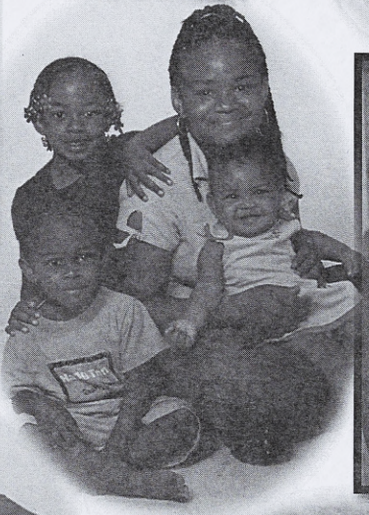




















Active Pallbearers

Jarius Cook
Durriel Babb, Jr.
Bobby Brooks
Tim Madden
Rashad Persons
Ernani Santos

Honorary Pallbearers

Durriel Babb, Sr.
Sam Brown
Osby Davis
Brent Garrick
Foster Hicks
Joe Jones

Larcell Persons, Sr.



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there;
Perhaps you sent or spoke a kind word,
as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day;
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food,
or maybe furnished a car;
Perhaps you rendered a service
unseen near at hand or from afar;
Whatever you did to console the heart,
We thank you so much, Whatever the part.
May God Bless You.

The Family of Sondra C. Talley

A Baby Girl Production
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